Resumption of defence supplies to India by US

3055. SHRI P. PRABHAKARREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has agreed to resume defence supplies to India which was frozen since Pokhran II test;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India has communicated her requirements necessary to modernise the defence weaponary and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) During the meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG), the general issue of restoration of the defence supply relationship between the two countries was also discussed. The US side was requested to expedite the clearance of the pending export licenses. Their formal reaction is awaited.

Opening of Army Schools in Rajasthan

3056. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Army schools in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of Army schools Government propose to open in various other States; and

(e) the details thereof stating their number?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are no 'Army Schools' being run by the Government.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Air-violation by US surveillance plane over Chennai

†3057. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US surveillance plane had recently flown over the nuclear installations of India near Chennai *sans* prior permission;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.